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Bm² [REDACTED]

On 25 Mar 2007 I was the coxswain of the 25493 we were conducting a two Boat escort of a Washington State ferry en route from Fountleroy to Vashon Island. Around 1400 Petty Officer [REDACTED] the Coxswain of the 25501 came across the radio saying Mender Board. This stated his lat & long. He did this twice. I immediately turned toward P.O. [REDACTED] Boat. We were approximately 300 yards away as we approached I saw 2 persons in the water. I saw the Bleeding From P.O. [REDACTED]'s head as P.O. [REDACTED] was swimming him to the 25501. I called Bm¹ [REDACTED] on the MSST Seattle Boat asking for EMT assistance. After Bm¹ [REDACTED] was along side I told Bm² [REDACTED] to take the Helm of my vessel (Bm² [REDACTED] is a qualified coxswain & MSST Anchorage). I then went over to the 25501 asked Bm¹ [REDACTED] what he needed. I then called Sector Seattle asking them to find out where EMS wanted us. We were instructed to transit to Fountleroy Ferry Terminal. I then went back to the 25501 & assisted Bm¹ [REDACTED] with first aid & CPR. Bm¹ [REDACTED] instructed me to cut clothes while he worked on the air way. Approximately 5 min after getting on board the 25501 we started 2 person CPR. P.O. [REDACTED] did chest compressions.

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while I gave Breaths via The Air Bag.
(Ambu Bag). after on Round of CPR we checked
for Vitals. I checked The Right Wrist, I Told
Bm¹ [REDACTED] I did not have a pulse ~~we~~ ^{had} ~~reposition~~
we Told MK³ [REDACTED] who was holding P.O. Gill's head
to Readjust his head with a Head Thrust Jaw Thrust
we then Started CPR Again we continued
CPR until we Reached The Ferry Terminal &
Turned P.O. Gill over To Em's. I do not
know How long we were on scene until Em's
showed up around 5 min. I assisted with
Taking P.O. Gill To The Ambulance.

The on scene weather was Sunny, 5-10 KT winds
1-2 foot chop. my speed @ Time of incident
was around 5 knots. Nothing was out of the
ordinary or even different about our Escort.

This Statement and The Facts are correct to
the Best of my Knowledge. [REDACTED]

STATEMENT WRITTEN ON

This information is being withheld under 5 U.S.C. Section 552(b)(1)

and (7)

26 MARCH 2007 @ 1425

ON SUNDAY, 25 MARCH 2007, AT APPROXIMATELY 1415, I, BOATSWAINS MATE 2ND CLASS [REDACTED], WAS ACTING AS A TACTICAL CREWMAN MANNING THE BOW GUN OF THE COAST GUARD SMALL BOAT 25493. WE WERE CONDUCTING A SECURITY ESCORT OF ~~AA~~ A WASHINGTON STATE FERRY WESTBOUND IN PUGET SOUND FROM FAUNTLEROY TOWARD VASH. WEATHER ON SCENE WAS MOSTLY SUNNY, WINDS FROM THE SOUTH AT 5-10 KTS, AND A 1-2' SEA STATE FROM THE SOUTH. I NOTICED ~~THE~~ ^{THE} OTHER BOAT ON SCENE WITH US, THE 25501, WAS STOPPED IN THE WATER AND I SAW 02 PERSONS IN THE WATER ON THEIR STARBOARD SIDE. I NOTIFIED MY COXSWAIN, BM2 [REDACTED] AND IT APPEARS HE HAD ALREADY BEEN ALERTED OF THE MAN OVERBOARD. HE MANEUVERED US TOWARDS THE 25501'S STARBOARD SIDE AND I IDENTIFIED THE 2 PEOPLE IN THE WATER AS PS3 RONALD GILL AND MST2 [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] WAS SWIMMING PO GILL TOWARD THE 25501, AND I NOTICED PO GILL APPEARED TO BE UNCONCIOUS. HE WAS BLEEDING QUITE A BIT FROM HIS HEAD AND ~~WAS~~ ^{HAD} BLOOD COMING FROM HIS MOUTH. ET2 [REDACTED] THE 25501'S COXSWAIN, AND MK3 [REDACTED] WERE ON THE BACK DECK OF THE 25501 AND RETRIEVED PS3 GILL FROM THE WATER. ET2 [REDACTED] REQUESTED BM2 [REDACTED] CALL FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE. A 25' BOAT FROM MSST 91101 WAS IN THE AREA AND HAD AN EMT ON BOARD. THEY ARRIVED ON SCENE IN APPROXIMATELY 05 MINUTES AND BEGAN ASSISTING THE 25501'S CREW WITH FIRST AID. BM2 [REDACTED] RECOVERED THE LIFELINE FROM THE 25501 THAT WAS IN THE WATER, AND THEN ASKED ME ~~THE~~ ^{TO} RELIEVE HIM AS THE COXSWAIN SO HE COULD ASSIST WITH THE TREATMENT OF PO GILL. HE EMBARKED THE 25501, AND SHORTLY THEREAFTER WE WERE DIRECTED TO ESCORT THE 25501 TO THE FAUNTLEROY FERRY TERMINAL SO THEY COULD MEET LOCAL EMS. THIS STATEMENT AND FACTS ARE CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE. [REDACTED]

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On the 25 of MARCH 2007 I MK3 [REDACTED] was underway on the 25493 as a boat crewman working in tandem with the 25501 conducting ferry escorts in the area Vashon Island. The weather was sunny with temperatures in the mid 50's 5-10kt winds and 1-2 foot chop. At approximately 1400 the ferry was conducting drills and my boat the 493 was on the starboard side of the ferry the 501 was on the port side out of sight when we heard a call from the 501 for a man overboard. We headed around the stern of the ferry when I saw a crew member from the 501 throwing a life ring the 501 was heading stern of the ferry the came about and then I moved to the back deck to scan the water when we got over to the 501 they were ⁱⁿ DIW we came around there bow from there port to starboard and saw MST2 [REDACTED] swimming with P53 Gill over to the Boat 501 P53 Gill appeared to be unresponsive and vomited water with a large laceration on the side of his head he was recovered from the water by MK3 [REDACTED] and BM2 [REDACTED] and placed on the back deck of the 501 in the recovery position. MST Seattle then dropped off BM1 [REDACTED] an EMT and we began first aid, and our boat zeroed BM2 [REDACTED] to assist. We then headed towards the Fountleroy ferry terminal to meet the ambulance.

This statement and facts are correct to the best of my knowledge [REDACTED]

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PO3 [REDACTED]

ON 25 MARCH 07 AT APPROXIMATELY 1410 WE WERE ESCORTING THE MOTOR VESSEL TELIKUM FROM FAUNTLEROY FERRY TERMINAL TO VASHON FERRY TERMINAL. I WAS IN THE LEFT SEAT OPERATING THE RADIOS. I LOOKED TO MY LEFT AND SAW THE OTHER BOAT (25501) MANEUVERING. I THEN SAW THE LIFE RING DEPLOY AND HEARD MAN OVERBOARD ON THE RADIO FOLLOWED BY POSITION. WE PROCEEDED OVER TO OFFER ASSISTANCE. I SAW PO2 [REDACTED] IN THE WATER SWIMMING PO GILL TO THE BOAT. THEY PULLED PO GILL ON THE BOAT AND STARTED FIRST AID. MOST SEATTLE WAS ON SCENE WITHIN 2 MIN. THEY RE-EMIT BEALED THE 25501 WITH MEDICAL KIT AND I STARTED WORKING ON PO GILL. THE SECTOR SEATTLE WAS CALLED AND MEDAVAC WAS REQUESTED. WE THEN WENT OVER TO FAUNTLEROY FERRY TERMINAL AND MET AMBUANCE. PO GILL WAS TRANSFERRED TO EMS AND FIRE DEPT.

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